

Application Serial No. 10/749,255
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Remarks

On page 2 of the Election/Restriction Requirement, the Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

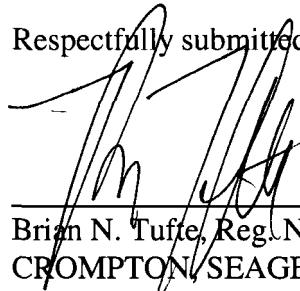
- I. Figs. 1-7; and
- II. Figs 8-9.

The Examiner also states that a single disclosed species must be elected for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted of no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner indicates that claims 1-6, 9-13, 17-27, 30-33 and 37-43 are currently generic.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species I, which is believed to correspond to pending claims 1-7, 9-28, 30-51, and 53-65, many of which are generic.

Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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